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ADVOCATES CHANGES IN NORTHEAST MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Shen-yang, 23 January (Hsin-hua) -- An editorial in the Tung-pei Jih-pao of 7 January 1950 advocated that the municipal governments of the Northeast must be reorganized in the direction of greater centralization. The editorial cited An-tung and Chi-lin as two cities that have taken steps in the right direction.

These two cities abolished the block and ward organizations which hitherto have been the intermediary organizations between the people and the central municipal authorities. The functions of these organizations were assigned to the branch police offices and the newly established organizations, such as the people's delegates assemblies, discussion groups, labor unions, cultural organizations, etc. It is claimed that this new system not only permits the central municipal authorities to have more direct contact with the people to get their opinions on current issues but also it makes possible the more rapid dissemination of policies adopted by the government to the people. Cadres, moreover, are now under the direct supervision of the central municipal authorities so that they may be directed to areas where they are most needed.

In An-tung the branch police offices are responsible for law and order and for the transmission of the ordinances and regulations promulgated by the higher authorities to the local population. They are also required to make periodic activities reports to the people of their precincts, while high-ranking police officials are asked to give occasional lectures to acquaint the people with the work of the police administration and the new laws passed by the municipal governments. In addition to these officials, cadres are sent out to the various areas to give lectures on the functions of the functions of the municipal government so that the people will have full knowledge of their governments.

The editorial contended that this new system will permit all the people in the city to become conscious of the problems of the municipal government instead of limiting their interests to their own blocks as heretofore.

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